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SUBJ: TERRORIST INCIDENTS SUGGESTS RENEWED ATTENTION TO
FOREIGN COMMUNITY

1. SUMMARY. CHARIKHA-YE-FEDAI-YE-KHALQ HAS TAKEN CREDIT FOR
ATTACK ON POLICE STATION EARLY MORNING SEPT. 6. IN MID-
AFTERNOON SAME DAY IN DIFFERENT PART OF CITY PIPE BOMB WAS
THROWN AT BUSES CONTAINING BRITISH TECHNICIANS. LATTER
ACTION RESENTLY APPEARS UNRELATED TO THAT OF CHARIKS AND
POSSIBLY WAS WORK OF FANATICAL ISLAMIC SPLINTER GROUP.
END SUMMARY.
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2. AT 0445 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, BARRACKS
OF IRANIAN NATIONAL POLICE GUARD (INPG) (FYI: THIS IS A
SPECIAL SWAT-TYPE RIOT CONTROL UNIT OF IRAN NATIONAL

POLICE) LOCATED SEVERAL BLOCKS SOUTHEAST OF THE AMERICAN

EMBASSY COMPOUND IN TEHRAN AND ADJACENT TO AN ARMISH MAAG MOTORPOOL/APO OFFICE COMPLEX WAS ATTACKED BY TERRORISTS. A CITROEN VAN CONTAINING AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS DROVE INTO THE INPG COMPOUND AREA. CITROEN HAD 200 LITERS OF GAS INSIDE CONTAINER ATTACHED FOR APPARENT PURPOSE OF EXPLODING IN COMPOUND. VEHICLE

WAS CHALLENGED BY INPG GUARD WHO WAS CUT DOWN AND KILLED BY BURST OF FIRE FROM AUTOMATIC WEAPON(S). OCCUPANTS THEN LEFT VEHICLE, INSIDE OF COMPOUND, FIRED AT VEHICLE IN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO DETONATE GAS CONTAINER AND LEFT AREA BEFORE OTHER INPG BARRACKS PERSONNEL COULD REACT. LEAFLET DISTRIBUTED AT SCENE BY CHARIKHA-YE-FEDAI-YE-KHALQ (THE PEOPLE'S SACRIFICE GUERRILLAS) CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCIDENT. LEAFLET IS APPARENTLY PHRASED IN ANTI-GOI AND ANTI-US TERMS. EMBASSY EXPECTS TO OBTAIN LEAFLET AND WILL TRANSLATE.

3. AT APPROXIMATELY 1620 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, A BOMB WAS THROWN AT TWO BUSES CONTAINING EMPLOYEES OF BRITISH AEROSPACE CORPORATION IN TEHRAN IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA IN NORTH TEHRAN, AS THEY WERE PROCEEDING FROM WORK AT THE DOSHAN TAPPEH AIRBASE. A PIPE BOMB EXPLODED BETWEEN THE BUSES WHICH WERE DRIVING ON A SET SCHEDULE AND ROUTE, WHICH IS FOLLOWED EACH WORKDAY. NO INJURIES OCCURRED, CONFIDENTIAL

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ALTHOUGH BOMB FRAGMENTS TORE HOLES IN BOTH BUSES, SHATTERED THE REAR WINDOW OF A CAR IN FRONT OF THE BUSES, AND SHATTERED SEVERAL WINDOWS OF NEARBY HOUSES. BOTH BUSES, CAPACITY 33 INDIVIDUALS EACH, WERE FILLED WITH MALE AND FEMALE BRITISH AEROSPACE EMPLOYEES. BUSES ARE EXACTLY SIMILAR IN MODEL AND COLORING TO THOSE UTILIZED BY SEVERAL AMERICAN BUSINESS COMPANIES AND BY ARMISH-MAAG PERSONNEL WHO ALSO WORKED AT DOSHAN TAPPEH. THE "AMERICAN " BUSES TRAVERSE THE SAME GENERAL NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT OCCURRED.

4. COMMENT: AT PRESENT TIME TWO INCIDENTS DO NOT APPEAR TO BE RELATED. CHARIK ACTION, WE BELIEVE, WAS DESIGNED TO SHOW IRANIAN PUBLIC THAT CHARIKS ARE CUTTING EDGE OF REVOLUTIONAORY VANGUARD-ROLE IT HAS TRIED TO AS UME IN PAST AND PREPARED TAKE ON SECURITY AUTHORITIES. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE AT THIS TIME THAT CHARIKS PLAN TO TARGET FOREIGNERS BUT SHALL MONITOR CAREFULLY.

5. BOMBING OF BUS IN REMINISCENT OF BOMB ATTACK ON ISFAHAN CONSULATE AND KHANSALAR RESTAURANT AND

PROBABLY WORK OF FANATIC FRINGE GROUP WHO, UNLIKE
CHARIKS, HAVE USED CRUDE EXPLOSIVES INDISCRIMINATELY AND
HAVE NO COMPUNCTION AGAINST ATTACKING FOREIGNERS. THIS
LATEST BOMBING HAS COME AT A TIME OF INCREASED ANTI-
FOREIGN/ANTI-AMERICAN SLOGANEERING AND PAMPHLETING BY
DEMONSTRATORS.
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